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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, applicants wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached form PTO-1449 (copies of the cited references are enclosed).

Reference AF (EP 263 948 A2) on the attached Form PTO-1449 is written in German. Accordingly, applicants submit herewith an English-language Abstract (reference AH). Applicants respectfully submit that the Abstract provides an explanation as to the reference's relevance.

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